

**Remarks**

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 9-14, 17-20, 25-32 are pending. Claims 1 and 21 were canceled previously, and claims 2-8, 15, 16, and 22-24 have been cancelled by this amendment, without prejudice.

By the foregoing amendments, the applicants have cancelled finally rejected claims 22-24, as well as claims 2-8, 15, and 16, placing the application in condition for allowance. In addition, the markings referred to in the advisory Office Action mailed April 29, 2005 have been removed. The applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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